

Application No. 10/726,998
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1. Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Sheet 1/12 (Fig. 1), and Sheet 4/12 (Fig. 4)

Attachment: Two Replacement Sheet(s)

Remarks

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because in Fig. 1 the number 4 should be 42. Fig. 1 has now been corrected. The Examiner has also objected to Fig. 4 because the actuating member 54 is shown extending beyond the pivoting joint 76. Fig. 4 has also been corrected. The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) because the weighing arrangement of claim 4 is not shown in the drawings. Claim 4 has now been cancelled. It is therefore submitted that the objections to the drawings have been obviated and should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has objected to the specification due to a number of various typographical and/or clerical errors. The specification has now been amended accordingly and the objection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,822,967 to Hood et al. (hereinafter Hood) in view of US Patent No. 5,263,410 to Olin (hereinafter Olin). It is respectfully submitted that the invention set forth in claims 1-6 is not obvious in view of Hood and Olin. More particularly, because neither the Hood or Olin references disclose or suggest supporting a conveying table in a first section when the second section is located in a non-operating position (former claim 3, now included in claim 1). The Examiner suggests that this is an obvious choice of engineering design and that it appears that the invention would perform equally well with the table supported by either the first or second section. It is respectfully, submitted that this is not merely a choice of engineering design because by supporting the conveying table in the first (*'at least one'*) section when the second section is in the non-operating position, the conveying table can still be operated to deposit a bale on the ground as illustrated in Fig. 6. If the conveying table were supported in the second section the invention would not work to allow a bale to be deposited on the ground without extending the guide arrangement, even when the further processing arrangement is not being used. Part of the novelty of the present invention is the versatility of being able to use the conveying table to deposit a bale on the ground behind the baler without extending the guide arrangement when it is not desired to utilize the further processing

arrangement and to extend the guide arrangement to convey a bale to a position for further processing if desired and still allow the operator to continue baling operations while the further processing is conducted. The Examiner further asserts that the applicant has not disclosed that supporting the table with the first section solves any stated problem or is for any particular purpose. It is submitted that the disclosure and drawings make clear the alternative operation wherein the conveying table is used to deposit a bale on the ground without extending the guide arrangement, (see paragraph 0051 and Figs 5 and 6). This operation would not be possible if the table were supported in the second section while it is in the non-operating position.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully,



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